

Rock Creek Fellowship  
Worship  
August 24, 2025  
10:45 AM

Prelude Song

“Revelation Song”

1. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat (Repeat)  
**Chorus:** Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings  
You are my everything and I will adore You  
2. Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be  
To You the only one who's King  
**Chorus**  
3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water  
Such a marvelous mystery  
**Chorus**

Call to Worship

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;  
**We come thirsting for you, O Lord.**  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!  
**We come hungering for you, O Lord.**  
Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not  
satisfy?  
**Satisfy us with your unfailing love, O Lord**  
Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.  
**Open our ears to hear, incline our hearts to obey, and enliven us in  
healing praise as we give ourselves to you in worship, O Lord!**  
*-from portions of Isaiah 55*

Worship in Song

“Come and Welcome”

1. From the cross uplifted high Where the Savior deigns to die What melodious sounds I hear Bursting on my ravished ear Love’s redeeming work is done Come and welcome, sinner, come.	3. Spread for thee the festal board See with richest dainties stored To thy Father’s bosom pressed Yet again a child confessed Never from His house to roam Come and welcome, sinner, come.
2. Sprinkled now with blood the throne Why beneath thy burdens groan On my pierced body laid Justice owns the ransom paid Bow the knee and kiss the Son Come and welcome, sinner, come.	4. Soon the days of life shall end Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend Safe your spirit to convey To the realms of endless day Up to my eternal home. come and welcome, sinner, come

Confession of Faith

*From the Heidelberg Catechism (Q/A 69, 74)*

Q 69. How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ’s one  
sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?  
**A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it  
promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so  
certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul’s impurity, that is,  
all my sins.**

Q 74. Should infants also be baptized?  
**A. Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God’s covenant and  
people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin  
through Christ’s blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore,  
by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated  
into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of  
unbelievers. This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which  
was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

1. Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great high Priest whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.  
3. Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace,  
One in Himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Worship with Tithes and Offering

“What Wondrous Love is This”

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! 2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!	3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing. 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Matt Jelley, Elder*

The Sacrament of Baptism

This morning we celebrate the entrance of Montine Wynn Lloyd “Monti,” daughter of  
Joe and Brittany Lloyd into the visible church of Jesus Christ. With her parents, we  
expectantly await the day when Monti will personally embrace Jesus Christ and enjoy  
all his benefits, thus living out the union with Christ, which is being signified here today.

*The vows for Joe and Brittany*

1. Do you acknowledge Monti’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the  
renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the  
Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Monti to God, and promise, in humble reliance  
upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that  
you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy

religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring  
her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*To the congregation of Rock Creek Fellowship, as fellow members of Christ’s  
church, the covenant community:*

Do you, as a congregation, undertake the responsibility of assisting Joe and Brittany in  
the Christian nurture of Monti?

Welcoming One Another

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

Scripture Reading

*Dave Merritt*

Leviticus 16:15-19

<sup>15</sup>“He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood  
behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull’s blood: He shall sprinkle it on  
the atonement cover and in front of it. <sup>16</sup>In this way he will make atonement for the  
Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever  
their sins have been. He is to do the same for the tent of meeting, which is among  
them in the midst of their uncleanness. <sup>17</sup>No one is to be in the tent of meeting from  
the time Aaron goes in to make atonement in the Most Holy Place until he comes out,  
having made atonement for himself, his household and the whole community of Israel.  
<sup>18</sup>“Then he shall come out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement for  
it. He shall take some of the bull’s blood and some of the goat’s blood and put it on all  
the horns of the altar. <sup>19</sup>He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven  
times to cleanse it and to consecrate it from the uncleanness of the Israelites.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,  
**All: but the Word of our God stands forever.**

1 John 1:5-2:6

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him  
there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the  
darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in  
the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son,  
purifies us from all<sup>[a]</sup> sin. <sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the  
truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our  
sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we  
make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin,  
we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the  
atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole  
world. <sup>3</sup>We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.<sup>4</sup>Whoever  
says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in  
that person. <sup>5</sup>But if anyone obeys his word, love for God<sup>[a]</sup> is truly made complete in  
them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup>Whoever claims to live in him must live as  
Jesus did.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

*Pastor Eric*

The Joyful Invitation: “*Heart Diagnostics and Needed Defense*”

Closing Song

“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

1.What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
2. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
3. The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
4. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
5. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
6. To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me  
7. With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
8. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! **(Repeat)**

Benediction

Announcements

NEW HERE?

We welcome you to Rock Creek! If you would like more information about Rock Creek, please fill out the “Welcome Cards” located in the foyer and place in the wooden box also located in the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen in the office: [Kristen@rockcreekfellowship.org](mailto:Kristen@rockcreekfellowship.org)

FALL PREVIEW DAY LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, August 31, we will have a church- wide sub lunch immediately following our Durham Rd. service. We hope you'll stay after to fellowship with one another and to hear a little about plans for the fall at RCF.

SIMPLY SOCIAL

Women of Rock Creek, come kick off the fall semester with us on Monday, September 15th, from 6:30-8:30pm at Lookout Mountain Pizza Company (203 Scenic Hwy, Rising Fawn, GA 30738). It will be a time of delicious food and fellowship! **Please let us know if you can make it by RSVPing on the weekly Announce or by** reaching out to [Adeline Voss](mailto:Adeline Voss) (adelinevoss@gmail.com) or [Katie Bostrom](mailto:Katie Bostrom) (katiemobo@gmail.com).

FALL PICNIC AT HIDDEN HOLLOW

Mark your calendar for our annual fall picnic at Camp Hidden Hollow. **We'll gather together for dinner and lots of fun on Sunday, September 28 from 4-7PM.** More details will be sent as time approaches.

TOP GOLF

Men of Rock Creek, mark your calendars for an outing at *Top Golf* on Saturday, September 16 at 6PM. Look for more details soon.

**NEW HERE?** We welcome you to Rock Creek! Nursery is available for ages 0-5 during the worship service in the children’s wing behind the Sanctuary. If you prefer to be with your nursing and/or crying child, please use the cry room located in front of the Sanctuary. You are also more than welcome to keep your children in the service with you.

GIVE TO RCF

There are several ways that you can contribute financially to Rock Creek Fellowship: 1. Drop a check in the offering basket, 2. Mail a check to the church, or 3. Make a payment electronically using the QR code below.



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